CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

An electro-optical device comprising:
 an electro-optical panel having an electro-optical material;
 a conductive terminal arranged on one side of the electro-optical panel; and
 a holding member for holding the electro-optical panel,

wherein the conductive terminal is disposed on a surface inclined in a predetermined direction relative to an arrangement position of the holding member.

- 2. The electro-optical device according to Claim 1, further comprising a fixing structure for fixing the holding member on a mounting surface of an object at the arrangement position.
- 3. An electro-optical device comprising: an electro-optical panel having an electro-optical material; and a conductive terminal arranged on the backside of the electro-optical panel, wherein the conductive terminal is disposed on a surface inclined in a predetermined direction relative to a panel surface of the electro-optical panel.
- 4. The electro-optical device according to claim 1, wherein the terminal has a shape extending in the predetermined direction.
- 5. The electro-optical device according to claim 1, further comprising a wiring circuit board arranged incline in the predetermined direction,

wherein the conductive terminal is disposed on the wiring circuit board.

6. The electro-optical device according to Claim 5, further comprising a support unit having a surface inclined in the predetermined direction,

wherein the wiring circuit board is supported on the surface.

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- 7. The electro-optical device according to Claim 6, wherein the support unit is at least part of illuminating means for illuminating the electro-optical panel.
- 8. The electro-optical device according to Claim 7, wherein the illuminating means comprises a light-guide plate serving as the support unit and a light source for introducing light inside the light-guide plate from an edge of the light-guide plate,

wherein a thickness of the light-guide plate gradually decreases in the predetermined direction, and

wherein the light source is arranged to oppose an edge of the light-guide plate disposed in a direction opposite to the predetermined direction.

- 9. The electro-optical device according to claim 1, wherein the conductive terminal is made of a conductor, which is not substantially deformed in a direction contacting with a contacting object.
- 10. The electro-optical device according to claim 1, wherein the terminal is made of a conductor which is elastically deformable substantially in a contacting direction to an object.

11. An electronic instrument comprising:

an electro-optical device according to claim 1;

an object mounting the electro-optical device and having an opposing terminal, which is brought into conductive contact with the terminal; and controlling means for controlling the electro-optical device.

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- 12. The electronic instrument according to Claim 11, wherein the object comprises a connector mounted thereon and having an opposing terminal.
- 13. The electronic instrument according to Claim 12, wherein the object is provided with a mounting terminal, which is brought into conductive contact with the connector, and has a shape extending in the predetermined direction.
- 14. The electronic instrument according to Claim 11, wherein the opposing terminal has a shape extending in the predetermined direction.